

# BRITON GOES ON TRIAL IN SOVIET COURT

London Embassy Also  
Linked With Group  
Of 'Subversives'

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Moscow, July 22—The British Embassy here was linked with a "subversive" Russian emigre organization at the opening today of the trial of a young British teacher accused of anti-Soviet activity.

The teacher, Gerald Brooke, 27, pleaded guilty to the charge before a crowded courtroom in downtown Moscow.

According to the indictment Brooke was trapped by a Soviet double agent.

The indictment said that Brooke had secret pockets in his underwear and concealed compartments in a photographic album to pass material.

## Document Read To Court

One night he mailed postcards to six Russians using separate mailboxes on Leninsky prospect, a major thoroughfare, according to the indictment.

The document read to the court by Chief Judge Lev Almazov charged that "members of the British diplomatic corps have active connections with people who are working against the Soviet Union."

According to the indictment Brooke testified during the investigation that if he failed to present materials from the emigre organization to the proper persons he was to hand them over to a secretary of the British Embassy here identified as Anthony Bishop for forwarding back to London by diplomatic pouch.

## Identified As N.T.S.

A third secretary of the Embassy is named K. A. Bishop.

The indictment accused the British authorities of encouraging the activities of an organization that is "hostile to the Soviet Union" and permitting "the employment of British subjects in subversive activities against the U.S.S.R."

## CPYRGHT

The organization was identified as N.T.S., the Russian abbreviation for Popular Labor Alliance, a revolutionary group that advocates the overthrow of the Soviet regime and the establishment of a democratic system.

In recent years the Soviet Government has expressed concern about the work of the N.T.S. It has protested to foreign governments and at the United Nations against their alleged countenance of N.T.S. work.

## Held Active In U.S.

Apparently the Soviet Government intends to use the Brooke trial as a platform to attack the N.T.S. and the work of other anti-Soviet emigre groups abroad.

The indictment said that N.T.S. is active in the United States, Britain and other imperialistic countries.

Brooke, a teacher of Russian from London, was arrested here almost thirteen weeks ago at the apartment of a Soviet citizen.

He had come here as the leader of a group of about 30 young British tourists, most of them student teachers of Russian.

Two weeks ago he was formally charged with "conducting subversive anti-Soviet activities on the territory of the U.S.S.R." and the section of the criminal code involved carries a term of six months to seven years imprisonment.

The indictment disclosed for the first time that a Soviet double agent was connected with the case.

Brooke was "unmasked with the cooperation of the patriot of the fatherland Konstantinov," according to the indictment.

A man named Yuri Konstantinov and his wife were named today as prosecution witnesses.

The indictment said that Brooke has been instructed to pass information to Konstantinov inside a secret compartment of a photographic album.

## Arrested At Apartment

Brooke was arrested in the apartment of Konstantinov, the indictment disclosed.

"He was caught in the attempt to spread in the U.S.S.R. leaflets and letters calling for the overthrow of Soviet power on the assignment of the foreign anti-Soviet organization" N.T.S.

"He also brought with him to the Soviet Union with the aim of handing over to citizen Konstan-

tinov printing facilities for putting out propaganda documents and other subversive materials."

The trial was conducted in the theater of the Central House of Art Workers, a faded pink stucco building near Lubyanka Prison where Brooke had been detained.

## Hall Jammed

The white columned hall was jammed with holders of tickets for the reserved seats.

Movie and television cameras recorded the trial which was held on the stage.

Brooke, wearing a blue suit, pale blue shirt and red tie, looked pale after his weeks in prison. He is tall and slim and wears a crew-cut.

At the outset, in answer to questions, he gave in fluent Russian his name, date of birth and other background details.

Judge Almazov, in reading the indictment, charged that Brooke had been a member of N.T.S. since January, 1964.

The trial is expected to end tomorrow with sentencing by the three judge panel.